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SUBJECT: Extension of Ban on Use of Apple iPhones in USDA

The October 2, 2007, memorandum banned the use of Apple iPhone in USDA because of the security concerns. There are still numerous concerns over the security of iPhones, especially within an enterprise environment. Until the iPhone's enterprise security capabilities can be fully evaluated, the iPhone is not authorized for use in USDA. This memorandum extends this ban through September 30, 2008.

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